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Wisconsin Seniors

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Wisconsin Seniors

- 702,600 individuals over age 65
- 29% live alone
- 5% live in nursing homes
- 7% have incomes under the federal poverty level (FPL), which is \$7,990 for a household of 1.
- 23% have incomes at 1 to 2 times the FPL.



Wisconsin Seniors

- In November 2004, 149,701 Wisconsin Medicaid recipients were age 65 or older enrolled.
 - 18.2% of total Medicaid enrollment.
 - 21.5% of all Wisconsin seniors.
- Of these Medicaid recipients 65 or older, on average each month:
 - 42,724 (28.5%) were identified SSI Eligible/Other Aged
 - 89,096 (59.5%) were SeniorCare participants
 - 17,881 (12%) were identified as Blind and/or Disabled



Wisconsin Seniors

- Of Medicaid recipients age 65 or older:
 - 74% are women.
 - 16% live in nursing homes
 - 32.8% are ages 65 - 75
 - 41.3% are ages 75 - 85
- Of Medicaid recipients age 65 or older:
 - 27% have diabetes,
 - 75% have diseases affecting the heart,
 - 44% have respiratory system problems, and
 - 21% have Alzheimer's disease or other dementia.



Projected Elderly Population

